# The Yale Expositor.

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MICH The peanut politician should not

complain if he gets well roasted. The man who can apply a sermon to himself is a mighty good Christian.

It is not the hunter with the most expensive gun who gets the most game.

A man generally thinks he does well enough if he leans toward his wife's church.

Solomon was so busy prescribing advice that he probably hadn't time to take much of it.

taken to the hills. This leaves General Brooke nothing but a plain duty. A writer says: "The smile is the

same in all languages." A bartender says it varies in size from one to four fingers. Great Britain, Germany and the

United States now seem to be united on the "open-door" policy in China. When it comes to deciding, though, which shall go in first there may be a difference of opinion. The fing floating over the White

house in Washington indicates to all who see it that the president is at home. Whenever he is out of that city the flag is carefully folded away. The same custom prevails at the capitol. Whenever either house of congress is in session the flag flies over the wing of the building which that house occupies. If there is an evening session a bright light in the dome tells the story. This is, in Washington, what might be termed the "language of the flag."

The "new diplomacy" has been much in men's mouths of late as a synonym for honest, straightforward dealing between nations. It means, says Mr. Chauncey Depew, that the liar has disappeared. The British ambassador to France declared, in his recent disturbing speech, that it had been taught the nations by the last three United States ministers to Great Britain. Of one of these, the late Thomas Bayard, the Contemporary Review declares: "He firmly believed that in telling the English people what his own country meant and what were its genius, its duties and its hopes, he was doing the greatest good to mankind." Happily the circumlocution effice of the nations, as exemplified in Spain and China, is going out of fashion.

To remember the names of persons is commonly regarded as the first necessary qualification of politicians. Oftentimes, however, they go too far in trying to master this art, and so fall into amusing blunders. Senator Vest relates this story at the expense of one of his senatorial associates. In some way, he says, the senator, who was usually good at remembering names, had forgotten that of a county chairman, and so bluntly asked it. "Why," said the young chairman, in offended dignity, "I'm Jones! I thought you knew me," "Of course I do," replied the senator, quickly, "but which one of Mr. Jones' sons are you? I knew your father well for years." "And he had only one son," was the unsympathetic reply.

Railroad men report that the movement of manufactures from the East to the West is quite pronounced. Many industries can be carried on more cheaply than in the East and manufacturers are alert to all such advantages. One industry which has emigrated from the East to the West is the manufacture of pearl buttons. The largest button factories in the United States are at Newark, N. J., but several have recently been established in Iowa, The Eastern factories formerly used shells Imported from India and Australia, but latterly these have given way to the clam shells found in the Mississippi river, in the Rock river, Illinois and in the Cedar river, Ia. From these shells, which were never before utilized, a big industry has arisen. The shells are gathered in large quantities by waders, who receive from 1 to 3 cents a pound for them. Some of the speci- What right have prominent business mens are four inches across, and for all practical purposes they are as good as the imported article, save in depth of coloring. The price paid for the domestic shell is remarkably low as compared with the cost of the imported shell, which sells in New York for 40 or 50 cents a pound. Fifteen pounds of buttons can be obtained from 100 pounds of shells, and this fact has led some of the Eastern manufacturers to establish button-blank factories in the West. The machinery in these punches out the disk which makes up the button, and the manufacturer escapes the payment of freight charges on 85 per cent of dead material.

Havana dispatches announce that appointments of Cubans to important offices in Havana will soon be made. By placing Cubans in prominent positions, it is thought some of the responsibility for minor positions will be shifted to them. The insurgents have been complaining that appointments already made in the custom house and other places have gone to Cubans who stayed at home during the fighting. When the leading insurgents are in the chief positions complaints will have to be directed against them rather than the American authorities.

#### TALMAGE'S SERMON.

"ABUSE OF TRUST FUNDS," SUNDAY'S SUBJECT.

"Whose Trust Shall Be a Spider's Web"-Job, Chapter VIII, Verse 14-Bankers and Lawyers Are Given Some Good Advice.

The two most skillful architects in the world are the bee and the spider, The one puts up a sugar manufactory and the other builds a slaughter house for files. On a bright summer morning when the sun comes out and shines upon the spider's web, bedecked with dew, the gossamer structure seems bright enough for a suspension bridge for aerial beings to cross on. But, alas for the poor fly, which in the latter part of that very day, ventures on it, and is caught and dungeoned and destroyed! The fly was informed It is alleged that Cuban bandits have that it was a free bridge, and would cost nothing, but at the other end of the bridge the toll paid was its own life. The next day there comes down a strong wind, and away goes the web, and the marauding spider and the victimized fly. So delicate are the silken threads of the spider's web that many thousands of them are put together before they become visible to the human eye, and it takes four million of them to make a thread as large as the human bair. Most cruel as well as most ingenious is the spider, A prisoner in the Bastile, France, had one so trained that at the sound of the violin it every day came for its meal of flies. The author of my text, who was a leading scientist of his day, had no doubt watched the voracious process of this one insect with another, and saw spider and fly swept down with the same broom, or scattered by the same wind. Alas, that the world has so many designing spiders and victimized files! There has not been a time when the utter and black irresponsibility of many men having the financial interests of others in charge, has been more evident than in these last few years. The bankruptcy of banks and disappearance of administrators with the funds of large estates, and the disordered accounts of United States officials, have sometimes made a pestilence of crime that solemnizes every thoughtful man and woman, and leads every philanthropist and Christian to ask, What shall be done to stay the plague? There is ever and anon a monsoon of swindle abroad, a typhoon, a sirocco. I sometimes ask myself if it would not be better for men making wills to bequeath their property directly to the executors and officers of the court, and appoint the widows and orphans a committee to see that the former got all that did not belong to them. The simple fact is that there are a large number of men sailing yachts and driving fast horses, and members of expensive clubhouses, and controlling country seats, who are not worth a dollar if they return to others their just rights. Under some sudden reverse they fail, and, with afflicted air, seem to retire from the world, and seem almost ready for monastic life, when in two or three years they blossom out again, having compromised with their creditors, that is, paid them nothing but regret; and the only difference between the second chapter of prosperity and the first, is that their pictures are Muriflos instead of Kensetts, and their horses go a mile in twenty seconds less than their prodecessors, and instead of one countryseat, they have three. I have watched and have noticed that nine out of ten of those who fail, in what is called high life, have more means after than before the fallure, and in many of the cases, failure is only a stratagem to escape the payment of honest debts,

> careless, indifferent bank directors and boards having in charge great financial institutions. It ought not to be possible for a president or cashier or prominent officer of a banking institution to swindle it year after year without detection. I will undertake to say that if these frauds are carried on for two or three years without detection, either the directors are partners in the infamy and pocket part of the theft, or they are guilty of a culpable neglect of duty, for which God will hold them as responsible as he holds the acknowledged defrauders. men to allow their names to be published as directors in a financial institution, so that unsophisticated people are thereby induced to deposit their money in, or buy the script thereof, when they, the published directors, are doing nothing for the safety of the institution? It is a case of deception and most-reprehensible. Many people with a surplus of money, not needed for immediate use, although it may be a little further on indispengable, are without friends competent to advise them, and they are guided solely by the character of the men whose names are associated with the institution. When the crash came, and with the overthrow of the banks went the small earnings and limited fortunes of widows and orphans, and the helplessly aged, the directors stood with idiotic stare, and to the inquiry of the frenzied depositors and stockholders who had lost their all, and to the arraignment of an indignant public, had nothing to say except "We thought it was all right. We did not know there was anything wrong going on." It was their duty to know. They stood in a position which deluded the people with the idea that they were carefully observant. Calling themselves directors, they did not direct. They had opportunity of audit-

and put the world off the track while

they practice a large swindle. There

is something woefully wrong in the

First of all, I charge the blame on

fact that these things are possible.

ing accounts and inspecting the books. on in financial scampdom. Society is No time to do so? Then they had no business to accept the position. It seems to be the pride of some moneyed men to be directors in a great many institutions, and all they know is whether or not they get their dividends regularly, and their names are used as decoy ducks to bring others near enough to be made game of. What first of all is needed is that five hundred bank directors and insurance company directors resign or attend to their business as directors. The business world will be full of fraud just as long as fraud is so easy. When you arrest the president and secretary of a bank for an embezzlement carried on for many years, be sure to have plenty of sheriffs out the same day to arrest all the directors. They are guilty either of neglect or complicity.

"Oh," some will say, "better preach the Gospel and let business matters alone." I reply, if your Gospel does not inspire common honesty in the dealings of men, the sooner you close up your Gospel and pitch it into the depths of the Atlantic ocean the better. An orthodox swindler is worse than a heterodox swindler. The recitation of all the catechisms and creeds ever written, and partaking of all the communion chalices that ever glittered in the churches of Christendom, will never save your soul unless your business character corresponds with your religious profession. Some of the worst scoundrels in America have been members of churches and they got fat on sermons about heaven when they most needed to have the pulpits preach that which would either bring them to repentance, or thunder them out of the holy communions where their presence was a sacrilege and an infamy.

We must especially deplore the misfortunes of banks in various parts of this country in that they damage the banking institution, which is the great convenience of the centuries, and indispensable to commerce, and the advance of nations. With one hand it blesses the lender, and with the other it blesses the borrower. On their shoulders are the interests of private individuals and great corporations. In them are the great arterles through which run the currents of the nation's life. They have been the resources of the thousands of financiers in days of business exigency. They stand for accommodation, for facility, for individual, State, and national relief. At their head, and in their management, there is as much interest and moral worth as in any class of men-perhaps more. How nefarlous, then, the behavior of those who bring disrepute upon this venerable, benignant, and God-honored institution!

We also deplore abuse of trust funds, because the abusers fly in the face of divine goodness which seems determined to bless this land. We are having a series of unexampled national harvests. The wheat gamblers get hold of the wheat, and the corn gamblers get hold of the corn. The full tide of God's mercy toward this land is put back by those great dykes of dishonest resistance. When God provides enough food and clothing to feed and apparel this whole nation like princes, the scrabble of dishonest men to get more than their share, and get it at all hazards, keeps everything shaking with uncertainty, and everybody asking "What next?" Every week makes new revelations. How many more presidents and bank cashiers have been speculating with other pcople's money, and how many more bank directors are in imbecile silence, letting the perfidy go on, the great and patient God only knows! My opinion is that we have got near the bottom. The wind has been pricked from the great bubble of American speculation. The men who thought that the judgment day was at least fve thousand years off, found it in 1803 or 1897 or 1896; and this nation has been taught that men must keep their hands out of other people's pockets. Great businesses built on borrowed capital have been obliterated, and men who had nothing have lost all they had. I believe we are started on a higher career of prosperity than this land has ever seen, if,

and if, and if A missionary in one of the islands of the Pacific preached on dishonesty, and the next morning he looked out of his window, and he saw his yard full of goods of all kinds, 'He wondered, and asked the cause of all this. "Well" said the natives, "our gods that we have been worshiping permit us to steal, but, according to what you said yesterday, the God of heaven and earth will not allow this, so we bring back all these goods, and we ask you to help us in taking them to the places where they belong." If next Sabbath all the ministers in America should preach sermons on the abuse of trust funds, and on the evils of purloining, and the sermons were all blessed of God, and regulations were made that all these things should be taken to the city halls, it would not be long before every city hall in America would

be crowded from cellar to cupola. Let me say in the most emphatic manner to all young mch. dishonesty will never pay. An abbot wanted to buy a piece of ground and the owner would not sell it, but the owner finally consented to let it to him until he could raise one crop, and the abbot sowed acorns, a crop of two hundred years! And I tell you, young man, that the dishonesties which you plant in your heart and life will seem to be very insignificant, but they will grow up until they will overshadow you with horrible darkness, overshadow all time and all eternity. It will not be a crop for two hundred years, but a crop for everlasting ages.

I have also a word of comfort for all who suffer from the malfeasance of others, and every honest man, woman, so bound together that all the misfortunes which good people suffer in business matters come from the misdeeds of others. Bear up under distress, strong in God. He will see you through, though your misfortunes should be centupled. Scientists tell us that a column of air forty-five miles in height rests on every man's head and shoulders. But that is nothing compared with the pressure that business life has put upon many of you. God made up his mind long ago how many or how few dollars it would be best for you to have. Trust to his appointment. The door will soon open to let you out and let you up. What shock of delight for men who for thirty years have been in business anxiety when they shall suddenly awake in everlasting holiday! On the maps of the Arctic regions there are two places whose names are remarkable, given, I suppose, by some Polar expedition: "Cape Farewell" and "Thank God Harbor." At this last the Polaris wintered, in 1871, and the Tigress in 1873. Some ships have passed the cape, yet never reached the harbor. But from what I know of many of you, I have concluded that, though your voyage of life may be very rough, run into by icebergs on this side and icebergs on that, you will in due time reach Cape Farewell, and there bid good by to all annoyances, and soon after drop anchor in the calm and imperturbable waters of "Thank God Harbor." "There the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest."

#### PARADISE FOR BEARS. Nation's Wards in Yellowstone Park Cannot Be Harmed.

Everybody has heard of the bears of Yellowstone park and how it is one of the sights for travelers to see bruin feed on the refuse of the hotels, says the New York Herald. But it is only the camper in this sixty square miles of guarded area—the camper despised by landlords and the railroad corporation that creates landlords-who learns "there's such divinity doth hedge the nation's wards that treason can but keep to what it would." The nation's wards share the honors of the park with the famous mud geyser, but the mud geyser is not peripatetic, and when one has sufficiently enjoyed its upheaval he can easily turn his attention to other marvels of the region, while bruin is such a wanderer and makes himself so very much at home in everybody's camp, and seems to enjoy the good things of the larder so much better than the refuse of the hotels, that the camper is often made to realize that he himself is decidedly not at home, where he would make short work of burglars, whether on two or four legs. But woe to the man who would protect himself from nocturnal visitors in this goological Eden. All humans are warned when they enter that they must not "fool" with the animals on pain of arrest, and their fire-arms are either taken from them or securely sealed by government officials. If the soldiers may be believed, some Princeton boys ventured last summer to exercise the freedom of the university in these sacred precincts and actually killed a Yellowstone bear. Whether they all fired at once, or whether one of their number killed the bear and his fifteen comrades reto point out the culprit, the soldiers did not say. However it was, the entire number were locked up for sixty days without benefit of clergy. The law permits one to unseal his weapons and even to kill a bear if one's life is actually endangered. The real difficulty seems to be in proving the intentions of the enemy. It hardly seems feasible for a person to unseal his gun, load and defend himself successfully after he is once in the close embrace of bruin.

#### IN THE FLOWERY KINGDOM.

How Could He Know Where the

Emperor Was? Her majesty, Tsi An, empress of China, sat in her palace in the purple forbidden city, with her brow resting on her thumb and her index finger pushed up through her bang, says the Washington Star. Rousing herself presently from her profound absorption, she beckoned to a peanut-colored person plastered up against the yellow silk tapestry. "Swat hlm," she said, "where is the emperor?" "Dash your ignominious slave into a million atoms, oh, amethyst flower of the Celestial kingdom," he responded, lying flat on his stomach before her, "but your slave wotteth not." "Wot?" she screnmed. "No, most purple of our vellowest Illies of the Kankee Tse Kiang, I do not wot where the emperor "And this to me?" she cried. "Most beauteous descendant of the gods, your vile slave speaks but the truth, though he lies here on his very stomach. He wotteth not where the emperor is." "Slave, dog, canine, wretch, scum of the Yellow river, did I not tell you what to do?" "Truly, most divine of all the gentler purple peonles of Pekin, and your slave did It to the queen's taste, so to speak." "Aha, then he is dead?" "As a mackerel, oh, yellow anemone of the crystal sen." "Why liest thou, knowing that he is dead?" "How the dickens, most marvelous of mandarin matrons, do I know where he is? I'm no fortune teller." "Oho, aha," smiled her majesty, again relapsing to thought; "bring on another."

#### Was Diplomatic.

"But why on earth did you introduce me to your aunt as Mr. Darling? Did you forget that it was Scroggs?" tainly not, you old goose. But I know she overheard me call you 'darling' and I wouldn't have her think I and child does suffer from what goes was spooney for all the world."

# OHIO MAN IN SENATE.

STANDS IN THE FRONT RANK OF STATES.

One-Ninth of the Total Representation Natives of Buckeye State-Every Republican President Except Lincoln Born in That State.

From the New York Sun: Although the state of Ohio has one forty-fifth of the total membership of the United States senate, its natives have oncninth of the total representation therein, or ten of the ninety members of the senate of the fifty-fifth congress, a larger number than has any other state. These are the Ohio men in the senate: Fornker, Hanna, Baker, Carter, Allen, Kyle, Elkins, Fairbanks, Turple and Allison. Senator Foraker was born in Highland county, Senator Hanna in Columbiana county, Senator Baker of Kansas in Wood county, Senator Carter of Montana in Scioto county, Senator Allen of Nebraska in Madison county (in the town of Midway). Senator Kyle of South Dakota near Xenia, Senator Elkins of West Virginia in Perry county, Senator Fairbanks of Indiana in Union county, Senator Allison of Iowa in Perry county, and Senator Turple of Indiana in Ohio generally-exact locality not given. Senators Turple and Allen are the

only ones of the ten United States senators born in Ohio whose terms are to be filled this winter by legislatures elected in November last, and as the former is a democrat and the latter a populist, and as the legislatures of both states have a republican majority, some apprehension has been expressed by unsophisticated persons that the state of Ohlo might have lost one title to the distinction of having in the senate of the fifty-sixth congress a diminished representation. Such results, however, it is already seen, is most improbable, for in the state of Indiana there is a revival of the talk among republicans to send Benjamin Harrison, a native of Ohlo, to the senate as the republican colleague of Senator Fairbanks, and an Ohio candidate has already appeared in the field for senator in West Virginia to succeed Charles J. Faulkner, whose term expires March 4.

While from present appearances, therefore, the Ohio men seem likely to held their present representation, at least in the senate, there are sundry indications that in the fifty-sixth house they will increase their already generously large representation in the fifty-fifth, in which there was one native of Ohio in the California delegation, three in the Illinois delegation, two in the Indiana delegation, two in the Iowa delegation, one in the Kentucky delegation, seventeen in the Ohlo delegation, two in the West Virginia delegation, Ohio being the only one of the western states represented by more of its natives than there were

congressional districts. Every president of the United States (Abraham Lincoln excluded) elected by the republican party since its organization has been an Ohio man, and any theory of American politics from aims to preclude natives of Ohio from their full share in the government of the affairs of the country is based upfused, after the manner of college boys, on a mistaken condition. Just how many natives of Ohio there will be in the next house it is impracticable to say until some pending contests are settled:

#### Sceing the Point. The following story is told of a Phil-

adelphia millionaire who has been dead some years. A young man came to him one day and asked pecuniary aid to start him in business. "Do you drink?" asked the millionaire, "Once in a while," "Stop it! Stop it for a year, and then come and see me." The young man broke off the habit at once, and at the end of the year came to see the millionaire again. "Do you smoke?" asked the successful man. "Now and then," "Stop it! Stop it for a year, and then come and see me again." The young man went home and broke away from this habit, It took him some time, but finally he worried through a year, and presented himself again. "Do you chew?" asked the philanthropist. "Yes I do," was the desperate reply. "Stop it! Stop it for a year; then come and see me again." The young man stopped chewing, but he never went back again. When asked by his anxious friends why he never called upon the millionaire again, he replied that he knew exactly what the man was driving at "He'd told me that now that I have stopped drinking and smoking and chewing that I must have saved enough to start myself in business, And I have."

# It Wasn't Like Her.

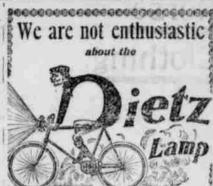
Husband-What's that you are reading? Wife-It's a letter from mother. Husband-And what does she say? Wife-Oh, not much of anything. Hushand-You are trying to deceive me. It's a cold day when your mother hasn't anything much to say.

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